

NEW JERSEY PATRIOTS

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THE STORY OF **NEW JERSEY'S PATRIOTS** BEGINS DURING THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE ... ON OCTOBER 4, 1775, WHEN THE FIRST CALL FOR CONTINENTAL TROOPS WAS ISSUED IN NEW JERSEY...



ONE OF THE EARLIEST ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN JERSEY'S FIGHTING MEN AND THE ENEMY CAME WHEN TROOPS FROM THE 1st AND 3rd NEW JERSEY REGIMENTS CAPTURED THE BRITISH SHIP, 'BLUE MOUNTAIN VALLEY,' OFF PERTH ANBOY ON JANUARY 22nd, 1776...



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CONTINUED TOMORROW...

...QUINTIN'S BRIDGE...

WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU
MINUTEMEN HERE IN CASE THE
BRITISH STRIKE AGAIN!

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PARTY OF
REDCOATS
SIGHTED WITH
A WHITE
FLAG!

OPEN FIRE! WE'LL
PAY 'EM BACK FOR
THAT MASSACRE
AT HANCOCK'S BRIDGE!

THE CONTINENTAL FORCES DO NOT
SHOOT MEN UNDER THE BANNER OF
TRUCE... BID THEM TO ENTER!

GENERAL ELIJAH HAND? I BRING
YOU AN ULTIMATUM FROM COLONEL
MAWHOOD!

PULASKI IS HALTED BY THE BROKEN BRIDGE OVER BIG CREEK...

NOW THE BRITISH
WILL GET AWAY!

THEY CANNOT! WE MUST AVENGE THE
MASSACRE OF COLONEL DE BOSEN'S PATROL!

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...BUT THE LEGION WILL NOT HAVE THE
SATISFACTION OF BATTLE WITH THE
RUTHLESS BRITISH RAIDERS... THE
REDCOATS REACH THEIR BOATS...

...AND RETURN TO THE SHIPS
OUTSIDE LITTLE EGG HARBOR
BAY...





BY NOVEMBER 27th, 1778, THE TROOPS OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WERE ASSIGNED LODGING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS...



ON DECEMBER 1, 1778, WASHINGTON JOURNEYED TO ELIZABETHTOWN TO REVIEW MAXWELL'S JERSEY BRIGADE.



IT WAS A FESTIVE OCCASION AND, TO THE DELIGHT OF THE RESIDENTS, THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF REMAINED 5 EXTRA DAYS...



FEBRUARY 18th, 1779! THE ANNIVERSARY BALL AT GENERAL KNOX'S HEADQUARTERS, PLUCKEMIN, NEW JERSEY!!!



THE EVENING OF DINING AND DANCING IS CLIMAXED BY AN ELABORATE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS!!!



...WHILE ON LONG ISLAND, THE BRITISH CONCLUDE A SERIES OF SECRET MEETINGS!!!

...THEN, AT LAST, WE ARE AGREED TO THE STRATEGY!

YES, COLONEL STERLING!



SPLENDID! I WILL SELECT MY TROOPS AT ONCE FOR THE RAID ON ELIZABETHTOWN... TO CAPTURE THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY!



NEAR CRANE'S FERRY ON NEWARK BAY ...

JOHN ... LOOK ALERT!
HERE THEY COME!

WHO IS IT?
THE HETFIELD BROTHERS!

PUT DOWN YOUR RIFLES
AND ROW IN!

RIGHT ON TIME, SIR!
LEAD US TO
LIBERTY HALL ...
THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THIS REBEL
GOVERNOR
LIVINGSTON!

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ONCE INFORMED OF THE PRESENCE OF THE BRITISH, GENERAL MAXWELL
RALLIES HIS TROOPS AND ALERTS THE TOWN...

THE REDCOATS ARE ON
THE OUTSKIRTS!

GET OUT OF THE
CITY!

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WE'LL RETIRE TO A POSITION
WHERE WE CAN BETTER OBSERVE
WHAT THE BRITISH ARE UP TO!
FALL BACK TO GALLOPING
HILL, MEN!

NO SOONER DO THE JERSEYMEN
DEPART THAN STERLING SEIZES
ELIZABETHTOWN...

NOW... FOR
LIBERTY HALL!

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